



Future of Hunting Conference 2012

By Keith Domke

I had the privilege of representing NDHEA at the second Future of Hunting in North Dakota Conference on December 1, 2012. The focus of the conference was to insure a strong hunting future for the state by improving habitat, increasing public access to hunting and outdoor recreation opportunities and to support legislation similar to the proposed Clean Water and Outdoor Heritage amendment.

At the time of the conference there was panic with regard to the “Fiscal Cliff” the nation was facing with the budget. North Dakota is currently facing a “Wildlife Cliff” that needs to be addressed with the same urgency.

Over 650,000 acres of land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) has been lost statewide. In addition hunters have lost almost 300,000 acres of access through the North Dakota Game and Fish Department’s Private Lands Open to Sportsmen (PLOTS) program. Several possible solutions were discussed during the conference which included a state financed program similar to CRP as well as to provide additional funding to the PLOTS program to increase the quality and quantity of habitat available to hunting.

The State of North Dakota is in a unique financial position to support increased habitat and access for the 200,000+ resident sportsmen and women. Everyone is encouraged to write the Governor and Legislators in support of these initiatives. The fact is, not many people take the 15 or 20 minutes needed and if the Governor received just 50 letters on this topic it would have a big impact.

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Hunter Education Volunteers Recognized

Volunteer instructors for North Dakota's hunter education program were recognized Feb. 9, 2013 at a banquet at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, for their contributions of teaching students the importance of hunter safety and ethics. Representatives from the North Dakota Game and Fish Department were on hand to make the presentations to the instructors at the annual hunter education workshop and awards banquet held in

Instructors of the year:

Joe Lautenschlager from Berthold for the Small Cities
Rod Hubbard from Fargo for the Large Cities

40 years of service:

Lorne Sterner of Casselton.

35 years of service:

Larry Kaul, LaMoure; Michael Porter, Bottineau; Thomas Reiten, Grand Forks; Louis Siemieniewski, Lidgerwood; Mark Sletten, Hatton; Barry Townsend, LaMoure.
Receiving 30-year service awards were Michael Aamot, Makoti; Wayne Evans, Stanley; James Hastings, Courtenay; David Just, Beulah.

25-years of service:

Orrin Berg, Max; Timothy Bohlman, Thompson; Daniel Brown, Dickinson; David Cox, Minot; David Fisher, Center; Betty Gunderson, Kulm; Harold Jacobson, Max; Timothy Johnson, Parshall; Roger Krueger, Bismarck; Kevin Lech, Mandan; Charles Meikle, Spiritwood; Vaughn Quern, Thompson; Joseph Simon, Thompson; Conrad Steinhaus, Hatton; Myles Stoller, Elgin; Ronald Trulson, Parshall.

20 years of service:

Richard Bahm, Mandan; Curt Beattie, Hannaford; Mark Berg, Nortonville; Mark Biel, Bismarck; Jeff Bjugstad, Wahpeton; Myron Brager, Sibley; Kimberly Bren, Elgin; Jack Brown, Dickinson; Mike Cruff, Minot; David Daeley, Maddock; Robert Diffely Jr., Plaza; Darrell Ekberg, Manvel; Jay Grover, Cooperstown; Joseph Haas, Lidgerwood; Vernon Laning, Bismarck; Gerald Lawson, Donnybrook; Anneus Meester, Horace; Eugene Pederson, Valley City; Kenneth Retzlaff, Ellendale; Thomas Rost, Devils Lake; Robert Sanden, Barney; Lynn Schlueter, Devils Lake; Charles Veith, Bismarck; Dale Veselka, Tower City; Charles Wittenberg, Bismarck.

15 years of service:

William Bahm, Almont; Burns Bailey, Moffit; Darryl Duttonhefner, Menoken; Kathleen Duttonhefner, Menoken; Lonnie Eichele, Harvey; Matthew Evans, Stanley; William Gauslow, Christine; Shawn Hall, Munich; Doug Hanson, Dickinson; Arthur Hegstrom, Inkster; Daryl Heid, Center; Steve Heim, Anamoose; Del Houghton, Steele; Kevin Kubat, Jamestown; Richard Liesener, Ray; Michael McDonald, Bismarck; Joel Nelson, Portland; Randall Palmer, Bismarck; Garis Pollert, Northwood; Joel Puffe, Bismarck; Jerry Rekow, Ellendale; Mike Rieger, Minot; Tim Stiles, Fairmount; Robert Thom, Kenmare; Melisa Toepke-Peterson, Fargo; Beverly Turbiville, Dickinson; Timothy Wieben, Bismarck; Leonard Wysocki, Jr., Grafton.

Ten-year service:

Sylvia Brockman, Bismarck; Steven Buchweitz, Munich; John Burt, Fargo; Michael Erickson, Edgeley; Mark Fisher, Devils Lake; John Grosgebauer, Gwinner; Glen Hauf, Makoti; Doug Hintzman, Kulm; Justin Houghton, Steele; Rodney Hubbard, Fargo; Lloyd Kennedy, Reynolds; Keith Kinneberg, Wahpeton; Peggy Knotts, Fargo; Joy Kroh, Surrey; John Kron, Enderlin; Thomas Norman, Jamestown; Dale Allen Patrick, Jamestown; James Peterson, Rutland; Kory Richardson, Kenmare; Thomas Schumacker, Fullerton; Alex Thompson, Hettinger; Scott Wagner, Casselton; David Wilkie, Dickinson.

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Five-years service:

David Azure, Jamestown; Brad Bartl, West Fargo; Kyle Beach, Wimbledon; Cody Bentsen, Hettinger; Jason Carroll, Edgeley; Brendan Ciesynski, Gwinner; Gerald Dixon, Parshall; Pat Downs, West Fargo; Lowell Dusek, Jr., Martin; Michael Feener, Fargo; Cassie Felber, Towner; Dayne Green, Reeder; Barbara Handy-Marchello, Bismarck; Becky Hansen, Bowman; Brent Hansen, Horace; Scott Hansen, Bowman; Jon Hanson, Bismarck; Wayne Keenan, Stanley; Christopher Krenzel, Harvey; Richard Lehmann, Towner; Michael Ness, Carrington; Colin Nygaard, Bismarck; Robert Ogurek, Burlington; Tim Olson, Park River; John Oster, Wyndmere; Angie Poupa, Sand Coulee; Mike Redmond, Ray; Damon Reitz, Scranton; Jim Reuther, Jamestown; Dustin Roeder, Lincoln; Dean Rustad, Ray; Eric Schmidt, Linton; Penny Lee Slagle, Williston; Jeremy St. Aubin, Ashley; Douglas Straus, West Fargo; Petrina Svoboda, Harvey; Todd Uhler, Fordville; Kurt Wagner, Wimbledon; Justin Werven, Beulah; Michael White Owl, Parshall.

Two years of service:

Darcy Aberle, Williston; Darick Bennett, Walhalla; Christopher Dragoo, Hettinger; Brittany Fish, Bismarck; Albert Frisinger, Harwood; David Hammond, Abercrombie; Jason Hanson, Mayville; Sharon Horejsi, Bismarck; Jon Johnson, Jamestown; Shawn Krabbenhoft, Watford City; Melanie Nelson, Harvey; Bruce Nielsen, Valley City; Scott Norton, Mandan; Garry Ripplinger, Mandan; Jason Sauer, Bismarck; Kori Schantz, Underwood; Kent Schimke, Ellendale; David Sheppard, Dickinson; Tara Waldahl, Casselton.

Hunter Education Requirements

North Dakota law requires persons born after 1961 to complete a certified hunter education course and show proof of certification when buying or applying for hunting licenses (official courses offered by other states and Canadian provinces meet these requirements). Exceptions: Persons under age 12 who hunt only with their parent or legal guardian; persons who hunt exclusively on land of which they are the record title owner or operator; and those who obtain an Apprentice Hunting License.



Course Sign-Up, Replacement Cards

Prospective students should inquire early in the year to assure course completion before upcoming hunting seasons or application deadlines. Most classes are taught in the first half of the year. The 14-hour hunter education course focuses on safety, ethics, laws and regulations, and basic wildlife biology. Students must be at least 11 years old to attend and be certified.

Other states' requirements:

Colorado requires hunter education of persons born after 1948; and; it is needed in order to hunt Wyoming's National Elk Range. If you plan to hunt in another state check out their requirements well in advance to ensure yourself time to arrange for a North Dakota course.

For more information visit: <https://gf.nd.gov/education/hunter-education>

Other News . . .

District 7 Update

District 7 consists of Wells, Eddy, Foster, Kidder and Stutsman counties. It's not too early to start thinking about a Family Fun Shooting Event in your area. If you would like some help putting on an event in your area, let me know and I would be glad to lend a hand. Contact me at keith.domke@gmail.com 701-252-8433 or 701-320-6983.

I need Hunter Ed instructors to help instruct and supervise the shooting sports activities at the Pheasants Forever TUNE Camp on June 8th. We will be shooting shotgun, rifle and pistol during the weekend. Please let me know if you plan to attend, your help would be greatly appreciated.

That's about it for now. If there is anything I can do to help you as your District Representative to NDHEA please don't hesitate to call or email.—Keith Domke

Spring Turkey Drawing Held, Licenses Remain

The 2013 spring wild turkey lottery has been held and hopeful hunters can check individual results by accessing the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov.

More than 300 licenses remain in eight units. The governor's proclamation allows a maximum of two licenses, and hunters who did not apply in the first drawing are also eligible

Moose, Elk and Bighorn Sheep Seasons Set

North Dakota's 2013 moose, elk and bighorn sheep proclamation is finalized and applications are available at the State Game and Fish Department's website.

The deadline for applying is March 27. A total of 111 moose licenses are available in 2013, 32 fewer than last year.

Spring Light Goose Licenses Available

Light goose hunters planning to hunt during North Dakota's spring season can purchase a license online at the ND Game and Fish Department's website. The season opened Feb. 16 and continues through May 5. Residents can hunt during the spring season if they have last fall's 2012-13 bird licenses. Otherwise, hunters will need to purchase either a 2013-14 combination license; or a small game, and general game and habitat license.

Tracking Snow Geese

North Dakota spring light goose hunters can track general locations of geese as birds make their way through the state.

Hunters are able to call (701) 328-3697 to hear recorded information 24 hours a day. Migration reports are also posted on the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website, gf.nd.gov. Updates will be provided periodically during the week as migration events occur, until the season ends or geese have left the state.

Deer Samples Negative for CWD

Samples taken in North Dakota from deer harvested during the 2012 hunting season have all tested negative for chronic wasting disease. This is according to Dr. Dan Grove, wildlife veterinarian for the State Game and Fish Department.

During the 2012 hunting seasons, samples for CWD testing were taken from more than 1,300 deer harvested by hunters in the western third of the state.

VISION STATEMENT

A proactive, informed group of ND volunteers who dedicate themselves to promoting quality education, who are recognized as leaders in enriching our hunting heritage

NDHEA 2013, Membership Drawing

Russell Ziegler from Richardton, North Dakota was the lucky winner of the membership drawing held at the NDHEA annual meeting on Sunday, February 10, 2013. This year we gave away a Scheels gift card worth \$200 in lieu of the muzzleloader rifle. In order to be eligible for the drawing you had to have your membership current as of the annual meeting. Congratulations Russell!!!! - Chuck Vasicek

This year the NDHEA acquired two Prizes to be drawn from sales of squares as a fund raising project. This year the Prize winners from the Board drawings are as follows:

- **Shari Vasicek, Bismarck, ND won the Scheels Spotting Scope**
- **Jim Boley from Minot, ND won the Scheels Binoculars**

Thanks to all who made this a successful venture for NDHEA again this year. We hope we can get a few more participants to join in with us. Thanks again to the Bismarck Scheels All Sports for their continued support of all NDHEA fund raising ventures this year and in the past.



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**North Dakota Hunters Educators Association (NDHEA)
October Meeting Minutes
ND State Game and Fish Office, Bismarck, ND
October 20, 2012**

Officers:

President:	Jean Oster	Present
Vice-President:	Terry Kassian	Present
Secretary:	Clayton Thompson	Present
Treasurer:	Clint Baxter	Present
Past President:	Curt Walen	Present

District#1 Ron Swenson	Not Present	District #7 Keith Domke	Present
District #2 Andy Robinson	Not Present	District #8 Chad Symington	Present
District #3 Darwin Bucholz	Not Present	District #9 Dale Kilwein	Present
District #4 Don Meyer	Present	District #10 Lynda Miller	Present
District #5 Lori Schweigert	Not Present	District #11 Jerry Rekow	Present
District #6 Dale Patrick	Present	District #12 Bob Sanden	Not Present

Committee Chairs:

Mentored Hunts:	Lee Bratlie	Not Present
Communication Chair/ Historian:	Terry Fasteen	Not Present
Cap Chair:	Rod O'Clair	Not Present (sent report)
Membership:	Chuck Vasicek	Present
Education:	Dick Cheatley	Present
N.D. Hunter Ed. Coordinator:	Zach Peterson	Not Present (sent letter)

Meeting called to order by Jean Oster @ 1:13 p.m. Roll call taken attendance noted above, some individuals have missed successive meetings and will be contacted. Pres. Jean opened the meeting with thanks for everyone who attended and supported the ND Game and Fish Dept and the Hunter Education program while giving NDHEA exposure to more people in N.D at the State Fair. Support like this helps answer the question posed by instructors interested in joining NDHEA- What does NDHEA do for us as instructors, ND public, and ND Game and Fish ? This is one way to answer that.

Review of Agenda:

*Motion to Approve Agenda- Jerry Rekow Dist. #11 2nd Lynda Miller Dist.#10 MSCU

*Motion to Approve July 2012 Meeting Minutes Dale Patrick Dist.#6 2nd Jerry Rekow #11 MSCU

Dale Patrick requested for Officers names to be used instead of initials in minutes to help clarification, which secretary will do.

Treasurer's Report—Clint Baxter gave treasurers report. Accounts pretty stagnant with minimal interest. \$1511.16 brought in, mainly class donations. Quarterly expenses paid and grant to ND Wildlife Federation Camperships (3).

*Dale Patrick, Dist 6, motion approval of treasurer's report. Second Don Meyer, Dist 4. MSCU

President's Report-Jean is doing a class in Fargo, women's class only, in January, filling fast and getting ready for next year.

Past President's Report—Curt Walen apologized for missing July meeting due to vacation. Noted friend article in this month's Dakota Outdoors, a Dall Sheep Hunt. A very good read. He wants to maintain boosting

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memberships and requested membership cards of Chuck Vasicek. Chuck will dispense.

New Business

IHEA conference—NDG & F discussed sending two people, have NDHEA send one, open for discussion. We will decide in February what to do possibly @ February 9th, annual meeting. Board meeting that Saturday morning starting at 8:00 AM.

Membership Report—1 new lifetime membership sold – Zack Peterson (NDG&F Hunter Ed coordinator) Lori Schweigert had two renewals at the Zap shoot. Currently standing at 250 members, down 12. Discouraged, we only had one to two memberships signed at regional meetings. Probably less than one third of the total instructors are members in the state. Dale mentioned that Zack needs a list of new members and to have Terry Fasteen send an updated membership brochure to coordinate with Zack Peterson's new instructor training session at annual meeting.

Unfinished business—TUNE camp. Goal was 20 children attending, 2 short. It went very well, ages 9-16, broad education given. It was a good outdoor experience compass orientation, etc.

Raffle—Yield to Linda and Dennis Miller for audit. Everything in order. Reports go to Terry Fasteen and Clint Baxter. Dale Patrick said our raffle is in very good standing. NDWF is being audited by state; Bismarck Police Department dispenses our permit for raffle with tighter criteria. They use better documentation and are confident of recording, keep data for 3 years. Winner of gun from selling books from Inkster was very excited.

NDWF camp—Issue came up for three campers with \$800 cost. NDHEA \$200/person, \$100/person by family. They had 54 campers, up from last year. August 5-11, 2012 and the shoot was the first Monday, August 6th. Dates are locked in for the TUNE and NDWF for 2013. Kids were from all over the state for both TUNE and NDWF. They shot all calibers of guns, viewed a reptile center, dog handling demonstrations Friday. Had a fishing day with 15 boats, fuel and boats donated by instructors or helpers. Took half group in morning, half afternoon. A big thank you to Berthold sportsman's club, who did a fish fry for all. They toured the Falkirk mine. Oil companies are getting involved with support. Keith Domke, Dist 7, said it is a good location. Keith gave an ATV demonstration that went very well. Corp of Engineers did a demonstration of electric boats with life preserver. Gary Westlien, Minot, did shotgun demonstration. Cowboy action shooting. Garrison sportsman's club has a range 7-8 miles from town. They served a meal in the state park that gives free passes for the day.

Newsletter emailing—will table this. Those that prefer newsletter mailed will have to notify on membership slip via no email address or request at conference.

Hunting for tomorrow conference—Jerry Rekow, Dist 11, and Keith Domke, Dist 7. Impressed by number of people involved in various groups to preserve hunting and fishing/shoot sports. Cannonball land group gave their pitch, read emails and NRA position. A good cross section. We will do a post conference email with priority to habitat and land access. Dale Patrick stated a follow up meeting to this November 30 to December 1st, 2012 in Bismarck, ND. Question – Terry Kassian who brought the people together, were there issues posted to bills or legislature or information only. Jerry brought up CRP work in the state of ND based on farmers need to soil bank land and work with Ducks Unlimited with several avenues. Surveys show 70 percent of population in favor of some type of set aside. The initiated measure for land grants died due to signature issues but hopes to be brought up again. Upcoming legislative session very important. Will try to stay informed. Dick Cheatley projects programs are currently available in North Dakota i.e. wetlands open to the public. Keith Domke wants to get more youth involved. Dale Patrick suggests more join the Wildlife Federation.

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New Business

*Motion-Dale Patrick, Dist 6, That Jerry Rekow and Keith Domke attend second conference. Room, board and gas covered by NDHEA. Don Meyer, Dist 4, second. MSCU

Discussion: Limited space, 100 people, 2 people from each group in state, then open to all. It was at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. Don Meyer requested to get these dates posted on the web page.

Board Award—Need to get nominations in to President or Vice President ASAP. Will be writing a letter or emailing all members with qualifications for board award.

Requested to change our mission statement to promote outdoor shooting sports and conservation as stated in article 1 section 3 of constitution. Lifetime membership needs to be ratified by general membership. *Motion to move to general membership meeting. Dale Patrick, Dist 6, Don Meyers, Dist 4 MSCU

New raffle—Dale Patrick working on items and number of tickets. Will bring to next meeting. Donated items will be decided on use for annual meeting. IHEA conference high cost to attend but benefits are new tools / different ways to teach. Was suggested Game and Fish sponsor these, not NDHEA. Others feel we should send our own representative. Dale Patrick motioned table this topic for board annual meeting as this IHEA conference is April 2-6-2013 in San Antonio, TX. Terry Kassian VP second MSCU

CAP report—Submitted document by Rod O'Clair –Read and approved.

Education-Dick Cheatley will work with NDGF HE coordinator on new instructor list.

Family Fun Shoots- Dale Patrick coordinated several. Rick Sukut from Bowden did one. Will get a report on the 28th. Curt Walen did one. Curt Walen asked if application is on website. Terry Kassian states applications need to be filled out for insurance coverage. Keith Domke, Dist 7 is sending in his for Pheasant Shoot on October 28th.

District Reports –

District 4 Don Meyer - Internet class end of month, mostly women. No kids, no range shoot, no live fire this year , range unsafe.

District 6 Dale Patrick – nothing new, all classes done. One just finished in Bismarck.

District 7 Keith Domke – first time pheasant hunt, youth, October 28th, 2012. Need instructor help. Contact Keith for directions.

District 8 Chad Symington – Two classes with 60 kids per class. No classes in the near future.

District 9 Dale Kilwein – had two classes, had walk ins with adult class. 50% were women, went an extra hour and a half on gun handling – it really helped. Had people attend from Minot, Sydney, MT, Williston, Valley City. Dale presented thank you plaques to supporters of Hunter Ed in District. Has nice copies.

District 10, Lynda Miller – Classes are over, will send get well card to instructors in district in recovering health.

District 11 Jerry Rekow – had a shoot, thanked Rod O'Clair and Keith Domke for helping. He had a request for four 15 year old youths to retake test due to attitude, reviewing request.

Definite priority for gun handling to be included in on line classes.

Don Meyer, Dist 4, stated possible next year outfitter from Devils Lake area would like to sponsor a half dozen youth on a goose hunt – to be discusses further. Caps Report for 2012.

Cap Sale Report—2012 saw only 8 cap orders from 6 individuals. The Game and Fish beanie give away has definitely affected NDHEA cap sales. This being said, 261 caps were sold for gross income of \$2118.00. The net profit should be \$750.07. Rodney O'Clair CAPS Chairman

*Motion Don Meyer motion to adjourn. Chad Symington second. MSCU

North Dakota Hunters Educators Association (NDHEA)
Minutes for the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Directors
Ramkota Hotel Bismarck, ND
Saturday, February 9, 2013

Attendees:

President: Jean Oster
 Vice President: Terry Kassian
 Secretary: Clayton Thompson – not present
 Treasurer: Clint Baxter
 Past President: Curt Walen

District #1 - Ron Swenson	District #2 - Andy Robinson – not present
District #3 - Darwin Bucholz	District #4 - Don Meyer
District #5 - Lori Schweigert – not present	District #6 - Dale P. Patrick
District #7 - Keith Domke	District #8 - Chad Symington
District #9 - Dale Kilwein	District #10 - Lynda Miller
District #11 - Jerry Rekow	District #12 – proxy John Oster

Caps Chair - Rod O'Clair
 Communications – Terry Fasteen
 Education –Richard Cheatley–not present
 NDGF Hunters Education Coordinator – Zach Peterson
 Membership – Charles Vasicek
 Mentored Hunts–Leland Bratlie-not present
 Robert Sanden – not present

President Jean Oster Called the Meeting to Order at 8:30 a.m. at the Ramkota Hotel, in Bismarck, ND. The sign-up sheet was passed around for signature. All Representatives signed in as shown above.

The published agenda was reviewed. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dale Kilwein and seconded by Jerry Rekow. All in favor motion carried.

Secretary's report was distributed for review. Motion to approve without revisions was made by Lynda Miller and seconded by Darwin Bucholz. All in favor motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Clint Baxter: Treasure Baxter discussed the report as distributed to the group. Motion to approve made Dale Kilwein and seconded by Lynda Miller. All in favor motion carried.

President's Report by Jean Oster: Some of the classes are getting started now and it has been interesting to say the least. In the district that the President is in there is planning taking place to take six (6) kids deer hunting this year. We found a need that many people did not know was there. There are kids that want to hunt but do not have the availability of firearms or people to take them on the hunt.

Past President's Report by Curt Walen: There is no report to be provided.

Game and Fish Report by Coordinator, Zach Peterson: Zach reported that there will be several changes in the Hunter Education system presented by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. A "New Instructor Training Academy" will come to fruition. There will be two academies taking place. One will be in the west-

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ern part of the state and the other will be in the eastern part of the state.

The academy in the west will take place in Bismarck and the academy in the east will take place in Fargo. The NDGF wants to compile two groups of veteran instructors. One will teach in Bismarck and the other in Fargo. In the next newsletter presented by the NDGF department, there will be an application available to apply to become one of these veteran instructors. There will be five veteran instructors for each academy instructor group. Even though the new instructors are trained through the academy, they would also have to instruct under a mentor as usual. This academy will replace the online and paper testing that is currently being used to test these instructors. The course outline for the academy is being created. It is hoped that the two academies will be in place by August or September. There will be a focus by the NDGF on these training academies and there probably will not be any regional workshops. In the future the regional workshops will be “continuing education” in the same format as the new instructor training, just shorter. Every instructor will be required to come to at least one workshop every two years. This will be tracked religiously.

It has come to light, in the recent past, that there is a necessity to evaluate the conduct of some instructors. This would include game violations by instructors as well as complaints that are received from parents and other instructors alleging that classes are not being taught correctly. There are also on-line classes that are allegedly not being taught correctly as well. There will be district representatives (not necessarily NDHEA) put into place that will help with these evaluations and act as a go-between from instructors to the Coordinator. They would also be instrumental in helping put together the regional workshops.

These representatives for the Academies and District Representative positions will come from the entire hunter education instructor pool. Not just the NDHEA. These representatives will need to be able to hold the position for longer than a two year term. The district boundary lines will follow those as being used by the NDHEA districts. These positions are all volunteer positions, there will be compensation for mileage and perhaps a meal allowance.

There is a “Flying Squad” of instructors that will be organized to travel to certain areas to teach a class as the necessity arises.

At this point it was brought to Zach’s attention that there are many instructors holding classes without using online registration. There is no knowledge of these classes taking place by the public except through local newspaper or bulletin board flyers. If the public knew that these classes were available it could alleviate some of the classes that would be held by the “Flying Squad”.

Zach let the membership know that he ordered several manuals that were printed in Spanish. If anybody has the need for these please let him know.

Unfinished Business:

Keith Domke introduced Steven Adsoph, the “President of the James Valley Pheasants Forever Chapter” and representative of the T.U.N.E. (The Ultimate Nature Experience) camp that the NDHEA has previously provided sponsorship funding. The 2nd Annual T.U.N.E. Camp is scheduled for June 7th – 9th, 2013 at Crystal Springs, ND. They expanded the camp from 25 campers to 35 campers for youth between the ages of 9-13. Steven thanked the NDHEA for their assistance last year. Steven provided brochures for this year’s camp. Steven requested that the NDHEA provide sponsorship funding or scholarship funding for the camp again this year. The sponsorships are: Camp Sponsor = \$1000, Event Sponsor = \$500 and Camp Scholarship = \$250.

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Terry Fasteen requested that Steven send advertising items to him to provide information on the NDHEA website as well.

Motion was made by Keith Domke and seconded by Don Meyer to provide a Camp Sponsorship in the amount of \$1000 to the T.U.N.E. Camp. All in favor motion carried.

Raffle: The prizes chosen for the raffle this year were 10 gift cards to Scheels in the amount of \$520 each. The biggest contributing factor for choosing gift cards as the prizes was because of the response from the ladies and non-hunters. The main reason, provided by ladies, not to purchase a raffle ticket was because they did not want a gun but would if there were alternatives options. There were 1020 tickets printed for the raffle. There will be 1000 tickets sold and the extra 20 tickets are replacements for lost tickets. If there are not any lost tickets then these extra 20 tickets will not be sold.

Dale Patrick spoke about the North Dakota Wildlife Federation Camp. The camp this year will be August 4th – 10th. The shooting day will be on Monday. Fishing day will be on Friday. This camp is for youth between the ages of 12 – 15.

Motion was made by Dale Patrick and seconded by Jerry Rekow to provide four (4) \$250 camp sponsorships in the amount of \$1000 total to support the 2013 North Dakota Wildlife Federation Camp. All in favor motion carried.

Keith Domke presented his written report, The 2nd Future of Hunting Conference, which he attended as a representative of the NDHEA. The focus of this conference was to discuss how everyone would be able to insure a strong hunting future in the state by improving habitat, increasing public access for hunting and outdoor activities.

The 3rd Future of Hunting Conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th, 2013. This conference will again focus on issues to insure the future of hunting in the state. It was requested that a board member of the NDHEA again attend and submit a report back to the board. If nobody is available to attend from the NDHEA due to schedule conflicts, Dale Patrick and Charles Vasicek agreed to report the happenings of the conference back to the NDHEA board.

President Oster informed the board that the 2013 Board Award would be awarded to Steph Thompson and the 2013 President's Award would be presented to Jon Hansen.

IHEA Conference and attendees: Discussion took place about sending a member of the NDHEA to attend the IHEA Conference. The conference is April 2nd -6th in San Antonio, Texas. It has to be decided at today's meeting if and who would be attending this conference for the NDHEA. This person would attend along with two members of the NDGF Department and one other volunteer instructor that is not a member of the NDHEA. It was requested by the Coordinator that the NDHEA sponsor their member to attend.

Motion was made by Jerry Rekow and seconded to Keith Domke that the NDHEA "sponsor" sending the President of the NDHEA Board of Directors, each year, to the IHEA Conference. If the President is unable to attend then it will be the Presidents responsibility to appoint a member from the NDHEA Board of Directors to attend the IHEA Conference. The Executive Board will have first opportunity to attend and if they are unable to attend, then the attendee will be selected from the Board of Directors at large. All in favor motion carried.

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New Business:

Current policy states that the NDHEA will purchase one black powder rifle to be awarded at the annual meeting to one active member at the time of the drawing. It has been found that a majority of people that received the black powder rifle would take and trade it for something else.

Motion was made by Dale Patrick and seconded by Jerry Rekow revise the current policy to state: The NDHEA will provide for a membership prize in the range of \$200-\$250 to be awarded at the annual meeting to one active member at the time of the drawing. All in favor motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Dale Patrick – There are several bills during this Legislative Session but in his opinion the number of key bills of interest to the Association there is one main issue. There is a bill to increase licensing fees by about 20%. Remember that these licensing fees fund programs like the P.L.O.T.S. programs. 2. There is a Heritage Bill that would allocate 10 million to habitat restoration 3. There is a bill that would make it illegal to shoot from a pond, within or across a section line. If this bill was to pass: If you were hunting deer 300 yards in on a section, and your bullet were to travel across the section line, you would be in violation of the law. 4. Bill # 1338 which would give the Corps Land around Garrison back to the original landowners. This would take away, from the sportsmen, about 41,000 acres for open hunting.

Membership: Charles Vasicek – There were 250 members at the end of the year. There are currently 2 new life members. Our life memberships now stand at 36. Individual memberships are currently at 85 and 12 family memberships. It is requested of the Coordinator to provide to the NDHEA information for the new instructors. They are provided a 1 year membership at no cost to them. Currently there is a need to print more membership brochures. It was requested that an updated brochure be provided at the next meeting for review and approval. Dale Kilwein stated that he would help design a new brochure with Charles Vasicek.

Audit and Finance: Lori Schweigert will not be here until later, and then she and Lynda Miller will complete the audit of the Treasurer's books.

Communications/Historian: Terry Fasteen –stated the he needs something to work with for the newsletter. There is rarely anyone sending information for the newsletters or website. Apparently the last newsletter did not get loaded into the site; it will be corrected this weekend. Terry Fasteen stated that this will probably be his last year handling the newsletter and website. Terry said to consider this his one year notice and to seek a replacement.

Caps: Rod O'Clair – In 2012 there were six people that purchased caps. There were 268 caps sold. After expenses there is a profit of \$750.07. It does appear that the stocking caps provided by the NDGF were slowing the cap sales.

District Reports:

District 3: Darwin Bucholz – This will be Darwin's last meeting. Darwin provided his notice that he would not take the position of District 3 representative at Sunday's Annual Meeting. This is considered his resignation. Darwin is resigning due to his decision to take a position on another board that will require his time. Thanks for your service and dedication to the NDHEA Darwin.

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District 4: Don Meyer – There is a guide in the Devils Lake area that has offered to do a Mentored Hunt for youth the first weekend of goose season. He is willing to take from 10 to 12 kids. When everybody does their classes this spring, if there is a youth that stands out that you think that might wish to participate, let Don know so he can schedule them for the hunt.

District 9: Dale Kilwein – Dickinson has two classes scheduled for February. There are 45 students signed up for each class and 28 on a waiting list that are not yet able to be scheduled into a class. There is a demand for more classes to be held in the Dickinson area.

The board will make a nomination for Terry Fasteen to become the NDHEA secretary at the Annual Meeting. Thank you Terry for your willingness to accept the nomination.

Motion to adjourn made by Jerry Rekow and seconded by Dale Kilwein. All in favor motion carried.

Submitted by Terry Kassian and Terry Fasteen

**North Dakota Hunters Educators Association (NDHEA)
February Meeting Minutes
Ramkota Hotel Bismarck, ND
February 10, 2013**

President Jean Oster called the meeting to order at approximately 8:40 AM. The President introduced the Executive Board and introduced Terry Kassian as the incoming President. The President introduced the agenda and added under New Business, "Court Ordered class sessions for Game Violators." Motion was made to approve the agenda as amended by Jerry Rekow seconded by John Oster. Motion carried.

The President introduced the District Representatives to the Association with a roll call vote, pointing out that District 3 & 12 had a vacancy and needed to appoint new representatives. Proxy representatives for District 5 and District 12 were present.

Secretaries report was absent as Secretary Clayton Thompson was missing due to an illness. Motion by Rod O'Clair second by Dick Cheatly to approve minutes printed within NDHEA newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was available at all tables and presented by Clint Baxter current Treasurer. Clint explained the information contained within the report and told all that he had made complete report that would be available for those who asked for it and that it was 12 pages long and would prefer not to mail hard copies, but would email to those wishing it. Motion by Rod O'Clair second by Don Meyer. Motion carried.

Audit and Finance Committee report: Linda Miller stated that she and Laurie Schweigert had reviewed the report presented by the Treasurer and had found no issues with the report and accepted it as presented with no revisions required.

Communication Committee: Terry Fasteen asked that the Association member start sending in photos and stories for the newsletter and website as most hold classes and spend time hunting, or we would continue to have one view of important issues.

Cap Committee: Rod O'Clair presented the report of 2012 saying that there was only six orders that exceeded 600 caps and brought in a little over \$700.00 profit. Rod assumed that the sales count was down due to the N.D.G & F Department giving away caps as well.

N.D. G. & F.: Zack briefly discussed the Academy and the need for Senior Instructors to volunteers to help teach new and certified instructors. Also discussed setting up G & F Districts and looking for volunteers to become representatives as well and would be mailing out requests.

Membership Committee: Chuck Vasicek presented the report stating that last year there was 250 members and sent out renews and received a 50% response for 145 members prior to the weekend. Following the last two days we now had 22 members signed, with 5 new life members.

Education: Dick Cheatley said he was working with N.D.G. & F. to help develop protocols for the new ND G & F Training Academy and asked that Association member consider sending in tips and points to consider for training of new volunteer instructors.

District 12 Representative. The Executive Board, after discussion with District 12 members, appointed John Oster as the new District 12 Representative for a term of one year to fulfill the remaining term and duties Robert Sanden. All odd-numbered district representatives remained the same except for District 3. District 3's new representative is Ross Remiche of Bottineau.

At this time the Association gift raffle was held until all prizes were dispersed.

The third call for nominations for Treasurer was made and none were received. Mr. Dennis Miller made a motion to cease nominations and a unanimous vote for Clint Baxter is cast, second by Ron Swenson. The President called the question and the motion carried.

Judge Dan Narum of Lamoure, ND was called upon to make a presentation about the North Dakota courts sending game violators back to hunter Education classes for additional education as part of sentencing. Judge Narum commented that this was being required more by all Judges and asked the membership for their feelings on the subject, whether we would support the re-education and if it was felt that it would become an issue for instructors or create a disturbance in the class. Judge Narum asked for comments/questions and many were discussed such as:

- Proof of attending, completing class (signed attendance form was all that is required)
- Whether online courses qualified (they did not)
- Attendance requirements (14 hours class time & passing of test)
- Gun handling (required)
- If all judges were enforcing the violations similarly (unsure but would contact others)
- Record keeping requirements (no additional records required, same as regular class only)

It was discussed by the floor if a motion should be that NDHEA would come out in support of proposed re-education or not. Liability issues were discussed with Association making a formal motion and it was decided not to make it an official motion but to make it a policy to support the law as written. Additional conversation was had with the majority of persons voicing their support to the Judges directives and a few with reservations on accepting the legal requirement and the potential disruption and extra work it might cause. Final discussion and informal vote was that NDHEA policy would be to support and allow persons sentenced to re-education attend additional Hunters Education Classes.

Dale Patrick discussed some to the legislative bills in session and suggested that persons pay attention to them as they may have impact on hunting and education. The Heritage Bill deals with the establishment of a fund of approximately 15 million dollars a year for habitat restoration. This fund would be managed by the Industrial Commission. While Mr. Patrick did not speak to all bills, he pointed out they could be tracked via the internet.

The President discussed the establishment and first award of the education scholarship in memory of Dean Hildebrand. The \$500 dollar scholarship was awarded for this class year and documented in the Devils Lake newspaper.

Dale Patrick was called on to discuss the 2012 raffle was discussed as bringing in approximately \$13 K in profit after expense and that the 2013 raffle would not have any guns included, but would have ten (10) \$525 gift certificates. Mr. Patrick stated that this was decided due to the many comments received that persons were looking for more than guns and the gift certificates allowed for more opportunities for persons to consider buying the raffle tickets.

The President brought the issue of NDHEA Sponsorship to the IHEA International conference this coming April 2-6th in San Antonio Texas. The President pointed out that the current policy was that NDHEA would sponsor the current president, or if he or she could not go the current Executive Board members would be

Presidents Report: Jean thanked the Association for allowing her to serve the last year of the Association and that she was going to cut her report short due to her late term pregnancy condition. Jean mentioned that John Hanson received the President's Award and Stephanie Thompson received the Board Award.

Past President: Curt Whalen, no report

Grievance: Don Meyer no report

Mentored Hunts: Leland Bratlie (not present)

Raffle: Dale Patrick said that Association made a little over \$11,000 profit after expense last year that most tickets were sold. This year instead of guns raffling off 10 \$525 gift certificates. Mentioned that the Audit Committee reviewed the books from 2012 and found no problem with the reporting. This was confirmed by Linda Miller.

Historian: Terry Fasteen no report.

The President: Called for nominations for Secretary. Terry Fasteen was nominated by Jerry Richow, seconded by Dale Patrick. Terry was asked if he would accept nomination, Terry suggested that another person be nominated also but would accept the nomination. Dick Cheatley given the floor during discussions and requested that some of the younger persons in the crowd consider stepping forward and volunteer for the positions as we need to bring new persons into the Association to keep it moving forward. No other nominations were presented, Dale Patrick made a motion and seconded by Chad Symington that nomination cease and a unanimous vote be given to Terry. Question called, motion carried, Terry Fasteen was elected new Secretary.

The President called for nominations for Treasurer. Clint Baxter was nominated by John Oster second by Terry Fasteen. Dennis Miller made motion that nominations cease and that Clint be given unanimous vote for Treasurer. The President called for discussion and Mr. Dave Cox was given floor. Mr. Cox commented that Roberts Rules stated that nominations had to be called for at least three times from the floor before the question was put to a vote. Confirmation of this request was voiced by Mark Walsh from Williston. Mr. Cox also expanded his reasoning that persons may need more time in order to decide to run for the office. Mr. Cox also suggested that the President give an explanation of the office duties and service times for each position. The President explained the length of time for both Secretary and Treasurer, how the transition of the Executive Board rank is followed, number of meetings time and location, compensation for mileage and anticipated duties.

Following the discussion a motion by John Oster and a second by Mr. Cox was made that the election of the Secretaries position be voided and nominations be called for again and that the two remaining requests for the position of Treasurer be spaced out to allow for others to consider running. The President stated that the request for longer time frame between calls for nomination would be granted. The President restated the motion made by Mr. Cox to rescind the Secretaries appointment and call for additional nominations. Discussions were called for, after a short exchange of questions and answers as to why it was important to give time to others decision to run or not, the question was called. Motion failed and the appointment of Terry Fasteen as Secretary was upheld.

A second call form nominations for the position of Treasurer was called. No nominations were received.

At this time the Districts broke out into their respective caucus meetings. Elections of District Representatives were held for odd-numbered districts. The Executive Board had a short discussion during this time about the

**North Dakota Hunters Educators Association (NDHEA)
Reorganizational Meeting Minuets
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND
February 10, 2013**

The NDHEA reorganizational meeting was called to order at approximately 10:45 AM by President Terry Kassian. He welcomed all persons attending and the new District Representatives from District #3 & #12. He announced that due to the coming snow storms some persons had left and that we would move rapidly through the meeting.

Present:

District Representative

Ron Swenson

Andy Robinson

Ross Remiche

Done Meyer

Absent

Absent

Absent

Chad Symington

Absent

Lynda Miller

Jerry Rekow

John Oster

Past President: Jean Oster

Treasurer: Clint Baxter

Cap Chairman: Rod O 'Clair

Education Chairman: Dick Cheatley

Membership Chairman: Charles Vasicek

The President lead a brief discussion with his interest in the potential to combine some of the ad-hoc committees as there seemed to be some overlap in duties, and that there was not enough committee members to fill the required positions. He asked those present to provide input to his question.

The President set the dates for the quarterly meetings which all except those held in conjunction with the ND G & F yearly awards banquet in February will be held at the ND Game & Fish Building @ 1:30 PM: April 20th -July 13th -October 12th-Saturday February (date to be determined).

There was no unfinished business

New Business:

Don Meyer requested that the Association consider setting a budget of \$150.00 for the Hospitality room sponsored at the annual convention, and for a \$100.00 donation to the Zap Shoot to help fund the Instructors and Family event. It was decided to table the decision until the April meeting to allow for further consideration. Motion Made by Jerry Rekow to adjourn second by Don Meyer, meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.

Submitted by: Secretary, Terry Fasteen

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